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## **May Is National Military Appreciation Month**

PIERRE, S.D. – Gov. Dennis Daugaard has signed a proclamation declaring May as National Military Appreciation Month.

May is a time to recognize the sacrifices and successes of those who have served in the Armed Forces, both past and present.

“The vigilance of the members of the Armed Forces has been instrumental to the preservation of freedom, security and prosperity enjoyed by the people of this great nation,” the Governor’s proclamation states. “The success of the Armed Forces depends on the dedicated service of its members and their families.”

National Military Appreciation Month includes: Loyalty Day (5/1), Victory in Europe Day (5/8), Military Spouse Appreciation Day (5/11), Armed Forces Day (5/18), and Memorial Day (5/27).

Each of those days provides an opportunity to learn more about military members and the families that support them.

“This month is dedicated to all of our military men and women and their families, and it also provides an opportunity to educate our youth on the historical importance of the Armed Forces,” said Maj. Gen. General Timothy Reisch, Secretary of the South Dakota Department of the Military and Adjutant General of the South Dakota National Guard. “Our veterans and their families have contributed so much to protect the freedoms we all enjoy.”